Qualification of teachers in Tamil schools.

15. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that some teachers in Tamil schools are not qualified in Tamil?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; because the supply of qualified teachers in Tamil is not equal to the demand for them.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): The answer states "Yes; because the supply of qualified teachers in Tamil is not equal to the demand."

Are the Government aware that nearly 1,000 teachers qualified in Tamil are now without employment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware of that.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the number of applications received in 1107, or in 1106, or in 1108?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information now.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that more than 1,000 applications were made to the Chief Inspector of Vernacular Schools by men qualified in Tamil?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that the Malayalam teachers now employed in Tamil Schools do not know even the a, b, c, of Tamil?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware of the result of the VII class Examination in the Kottaram Tamil School in 1106 and 1107. The result was nil?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are aware of the results; but they are not aware that the results are due to the want of Tamil teachers.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the cause of the results?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It does not seem to be necessary. When more Tamil qualified teachers are available more of them will be appointed in Tamil Schools.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that, in some of the Tamil Schools in Agastisvaram and Shencotta, owing to want of Tamil teachers, the pupils have made a walkout?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*). Government are not aware.

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MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether any such incident has been brought to the notice of the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, so far as I am aware.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Do the Government propose to make an enquiry into the matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They do not consider it necessary.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Do the Government realise that the present arrangement of having Malayalam teachers in the Tamil schools in the State will seriously tell upon the Tamil education in the State ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is a matter of opinion, if the Malayalam teachers in Tamil schools know Malayalam sufficiently well, that will quite do.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether the printed answer that has been given is an answer to my question ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is a perfectly correct answer.

Fruit Farm at Mahadanapuram.

16. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Fruit Farm at Mahadanapuram worked at a loss or gain in the years 1106 and 1107 ;

(*b*) when the Fruit Farm was started ;

(*c*) whether the soil below three feet is rocky ;

(*d*) whether any graft-mango plant was sold in 1107 ;

(*e*) whether any graft-guava plant was sold in 1107 ; and

(*f*) whether the Farm is accessible to officials only or to all men ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Fruit Farm worked at a loss in the years 1106 and 1107 since only a very small proportion of the fruit trees planted there were old enough to bear fruit during these years.

(*b*) In 1098 M. E.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes. (120 in number).

(*e*) Yes. (26 in number).

(*f*) The Farm is accessible to any one who wishes to see it.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : With reference to part (*a*), are the Government aware that the farm at Mahadanapuram is not accessible to people dressed in *dhoties* and *tuvartoos*, but accessible only to those wearing coats, collars and neckties?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Government are not aware.

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